

*Federal grants will support the hiring of firefighters and the retention of volunteer firefighters*

Evesham, NJ - Congressman John Adler today announced \$325,140 in federal grant funds for Evesham Fire-Rescue. The grant is intended to support the hiring of firefighters and the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters.

"Our career and volunteer firefighters put their lives on the line everyday to protect our families, neighbors, and communities," Congressman Adler said. "They deserve to get their fair share of federal dollars. Today, Evesham received well deserved support for fire protection, emergency preparedness, and job creation."

"This funding will go a long way in supporting the brave men and women who serve and protect our communities," Fire Chief Thaddeus Lowden said. "Congressman Adler has been a great supporter of Evesham Fire-Rescue and we look forward to working together in the future."

Evesham Fire-Rescue is a combination career/volunteer agency that delivers both Fire and EMS services to the community. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency awarded this grant under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program - Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER). These funds will enhance the ability of fire departments to attain and maintain 24-hour staffing and to assure that our communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards.

Earlier this year, Congressman Adler hosted several workshops to ensure local public safety departments were informed about the federal grant process. He also voted to pass the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act which provides \$800,000,000 for Assistance to Firefighters Grants. In addition, Congressman Adler supported the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which provided \$210,000,000 in Assistance to Firefighters Grant construction grants.